

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2004

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 11th day of May, 2004 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Ray made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived, and the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he would entertain a motion to pay all current bills. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Roger Heckler, Director of the Ambulance Service, stated that he had given his monthly report to the Board in writing. Mr. Heckler also informed the Board that there was a demo ambulance parked outside of the Courthouse that he would like the Board to look at.

Mrs. Ellen Pettijohn, Circuit Clerk and Kerry Sutton, State's Attorney stated that they had nothing for the Board.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board would be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, reported that the City/County Jail Expense was \$65,343.00 and the income was \$31,652.00. Sheriff Maier stated that he had turned over \$28,320.00 in prisoner keep, \$1,453.00 in work release and \$1,879.00 in inmate telephone commission to the Treasurer. He stated that the prisoner keep was low because a check had not been received from the Federal Government.

Sheriff Maier

stated that he was currently housing 99 prisoner and 68 of those prisoners were from other agencies, which averaged a daily jail income of \$2,464.00. Sheriff Maier stated that his department had responded to 489 calls in the month of April, 39 calls were 9-1-1 and 3 meth labs were cleaned up.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received thank you cards from the White County Senior Citizens, Norris City, Grayville and Enfield Centers. Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a letter from the University of Illinois changing some dates and times of seminars that would be held on the new ethics legislation that he would give to each board member. Mr. Wooten stated that he had received communications from Representative Grunloh and Phelps that he would pass around to the board members.

Chairman Wooten stated that there were several visitors in the audience and would any one like to take this time to address the Board. Mr. Ron Howard, former fire chief of the Enfield Fire Protection District, stated that he would like to oppose the reappointment of two individuals to the Enfield Fire Protection District. Chairman Wooten stated that those appointments were items twelve and thirteen on the agenda and he would be allowed to address that issue at the time those appointments were being acted upon.

Chairman Wooten asked Mr. Don Douthitt and Mr. Randy Frashier if they would like to address the Board. Mr. Douthitt stated that he would like to address the Board concerning consolidation of the precincts in Emma Township. Mr. Douthitt stated that at the current time the Township of Emma was split between two county board districts and consolidating those precincts could possibly create more election expense because of the ballot combinations required to accommodate both board districts in the upcoming elections. Chairman Wooten explained that action on precinct consolidation would be addressed at the June County Board meeting. Chairman Wooten explained that Clerk Dozier had prepared a list of possibilities for the Board to consider, as a cost saving measure on the expense of election. The Board will be looking at all possibilities to save money on elections, but the Board must also consider the problems precinct consolidation will have on the redistricting of

county board districts after the next census. Chairman Wooten explained that the county board districts must be equal in population and by consolidating precincts it may actually create more difficulty and election expense rather than provide the county with a savings. Mr. Frashier stated that there was a promise made to Emma Township several years ago that their township would not be split between board districts and after the last census was taken the township was split between county board district two and five. Mr. Frashier stated that he would like to see that township be put back together under one district eventually. Mrs. Mitchell stated that in all probability the Board would only be consolidating the smaller precincts this June. Mrs. Mitchell stated that when Clerk Dozier originally prepared the list several precincts were on that and because of an increase of voter registration for the presidential election some precincts are not going to be considered because the registration would be over 800 for the new precinct. Mr. Ray stated that he was unaware of any promises by to Emma Township on the splitting of the township.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the reappointment of Wanda Campbell to the Coleman Tri-County Services Board of Directors for a term of one year. Mr. Wooten stated that he might add that Mrs. Campbell has graciously served on this board for twenty-one years and is willing to serve another term. Mr. Ray made a motion to reappoint Wanda Campbell to the Coleman Tri-County Services Board of Directors, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received a letter from Little Wabash Fire Protection District requesting that Ray Livesay be re-appointed to a term of three years beginning May 1, 2004 and expiring on April 30, 2007. Mr. Trout made a motion to re-appoint Ray Livesay to the Little Wabash Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was Sheriff Maier and Chief of Police Thomas has advertised old city and county squads and seized vehicles will be auctioned on Friday, May

14, 2004 at

10:00 a.m. at the impound yard located behind the White County Highway Department. Sheriff Maier would

like to request that a 1998 Jeep, 1997 Ford Crown Victoria and 1993 Ford Crown Victoria be declared excess

equipment and sold at auction. Mr. Nelson made a motion to declare the three vehicles excess equipment,

seconded by Mitchell.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to authorize a grant for a vehicle for the

Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Maier explained that there is a grant available for the replacement of a county

squad. The grant is a 75/25 grant in the amount of \$16,667.00. The County would be responsible for matching

that grant. Sheriff Maier stated that the grant was submitted for a new Dodge Durango that would cost the

county \$22,597.00 and that his budget still has \$2,323.00 in capital outlay vehicle and with the sale of the

excess and seized vehicles the county could provide their match. Mrs. Mitchell stated that the three county

squads, if sold, would be deleted from the insurance and the new vehicle would be added which could also be a

savings for the county. Mrs. Mitchell asked Sheriff Maier if new equipment would have to be purchased and he

stated that equipment from another squad would be used on the new vehicle. Chairman Wooten asked if the

other Sgt. Of the Department would be driving the new Durango and Sheriff Maier replied that was a

possibility, but at this point it may be on of the other deputies. He stated he was hoping to rotate one of the

older squads to use as a transport vehicle and the current transport vehicle could also be declared excess

equipment and sold. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to authorize the application for a vehicle for the sheriff's

department, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board.

GIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Public Act 91-0791 signed into law on June 12, 2000, authorizes counties to collect a

fee on instruments filed with the County Clerk to defray the cost of implementing or maintaining the

county's
Geographic Information System, and

WHEREAS, White County presently has a Geographic Information System which would benefit from
the collection of the funds authorized by this Act, and

WHEREAS, the collection of this fee would be from those entities most likely to benefit from the
maintenance of a thorough and current GIS system, and

WHEREAS, such fee shall be paid upon the filing of every instrument, paper or notice for record in the
office of the County Clerk.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to Public Act 91-0791, the White County
Board elects to establish a Geographic Information System (GIS) fund to be established by the Treasurer of this
county, and the White County Clerk & Recorder shall, on and after the 1st day of June, 2004 collect a fee of
\$3.00 in addition to all other fees and charges collected for the filing of every instrument, paper or notice of
recording in the Recorder's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$2.00 from said fee shall be deposited in the GIS fund to be
solely for the equipment, materials, and necessary expenses incurred in implementing and maintaining a
Geographic Information System. The remaining \$1.00 from said fee must be deposited into the recorder's
special funds created under Section 3-5005.4. The Recorder may, in his or her discretion, use moneys in the
funds created under Section 3-5005.4 to defray the cost of implementing or maintaining the county's
Geographic Information System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution's first effective date is June 1, 2004.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of May 2004.

Ron Wooten, Chairman
White County Board

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Clerk Dozier stated that this resolution would allow \$2.00 per document to be used to defray the cost of the geographic information system (GIS) and \$1.00 per document to be used to defray the cost of her document storage. Clerk Dozier stated that White County was the only county in the State that was not charging this fee on recording. She also informed the Board that currently Hamilton County was charging \$15.00 rather than the three, but White County was fortunate enough to already of the mapping completed and this money would be used for the upgrading and updating of the maps. Clerk Dozier stated that she wished the Supervisor of Assessments was at the meeting help explain bulletin 810 which is a State mandate on the assessment of farm ground and farm home sites. Clerk Dozier explained that the county must be in compliance with this bulletin in 2005 payable in 2006. Clerk Dozier stated that there was a \$80,000.00 grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation that the County Engineer could apply for and that Mr. Bosaw had agreed to apply for the funds. The grant can also be used for defraying the county's cost on the bulletin 810 also the funds may be used to pay the county's share of cost on the digitizing of the soils that USDA is currently doing for the county. Mr. Ray asked Clerk Dozier if the \$3.00 fee would be adequate and she stated that with the grant and the fee she thought it would be adequate. Clerk Dozier also stated that to raise the fee amount the County would have to do a feasibility study to justify the increase. Mr. Ray made a motion to adopt the geographic information system resolution allowing the County Clerk to add a \$3.00 additional recording fee to every document, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was the selection and approval of election judges for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 30, 2006. Clerk Dozier passed around a list of the election judges submitted by the Democratic and Republican County Chairman. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion

to approve the selection of election judges, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Clerk

Dozier explained that she would submit the selection of judges to the Court for a hearing and she would publish the list of the selection in the paper. Once the court approved the selection the judges would be commissioned for a two-year term.

Chairman Wooten stated the next item was to consider reappointment of Steve Mitchell and Bill Lewis to the Enfield Fire Protection District. Mr. Ron Howard stated that he would like to object to their reappointment because they never attend the meeting. Chairman Wooten stated that the county board chairman makes the appointments to the Fire Protection District Board with the advice and consent of the other county board members. Chairman Wooten also explained that in his past experience that a letter by the current fire board is usually sent to the board asking for the appointments and re-appointments. Clerk Dozier stated that John Carter had visited her office and asks her to help him draft the letter to the Board. The current board has never been re-appointed since their original appointment. Clerk Dozier said that her understanding of the statutes was a member of a fire protection district board was appointed to a three-year term. If the board would take no action this evening would not the fire protection board be disassembled or would the members currently on the board be serve until their replacements were chosen. State's Attorney Sutton stated that the Chairman of the White County Board makes the appointments, with advice and consent of the Board. Chairman Wooten stated that he would hate to go against the wishes of the current fire protection board. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to appoint Steve Mitchell as Trustee of the Enfield Fire Protection Board for a term that would expire January 2007 and to also appoint Bill Lewis as Trustee of the Enfield Fire Protection Board for a term that would expire on January 2005. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item was to accept the resignation of John Carter from the Enfield Fire Protection District Board and to appoint Steve Mitsdarffer to fill his vacancy which term would expire on January 2006. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept John Carter's resignation and to appoint Steve Mitsdarffer to

fill his vacancy, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that are current agreement for consulting services of Insurance Audit and Inspection has expired. He stated the Board should consider signing a new agreement for those services, which would begin May 2004 to May 2005 in the amount of \$2,981.00. Chairman Wooten explained that Insurance Audit and Inspection are the consultants for the general liability, auto liability and workmen's compensation insurance. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to enter into a new one-year agreement with Insurance Audit and Inspection, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item would be to consider the resolution to re-appoint Harold Stahl to the Board of Review.

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO

THE BOARD OF REVIEW

WHEREAS, the County of White, State of Illinois, is a county under township organization having a population of less than one million, and;

WHEREAS, 35 ILCS 200/6-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes requires a county under township organization with a population of less than one million to appoint a Board of Review, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE County Board of White County, State of Illinois that

Harold Stahl be appointed to the Board of Review for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 30, 2006.

ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2004. A.D.

MEMBERS ELECTED: FIVE
MEMBERS PRESENT: FIVE

Ron Wooten: _____
Mitchell: _____
Wayne Nelson: _____

Nancy

Wes Trout:

Mike Ray: _____

APPROVED this 11th day of May, 2004 A.D.

Ron Wooten, Chairman White

County Board

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Chairman Wooten explained that the Board of Review consists of two members, one from each political party

and the County Board Chairman. Each member must take the basic assessment course and pass an examination

prior to serving on the Board of Review. Mr. Nelson made a motion to appoint Harold Stahl to a two-year term

on the Board of Review beginning May 2004 and ending May 2006 seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0

on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that an appointment needed to be made to the Greater Wabash Regional

Planning Commission to replace David Burton. Mr. Wooten explained that Mr. Burton must have moved from

White County and he is unable to locate a current address for him. Mr. Trout stated that he would like to make

a motion that Steve Hartsock of Grayville replace David Burton on the Greater Wabash Regional Planning

Commission, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.